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We are saddened to inform you that Gloria Redfern and Laura Fischer have left the Immunization program.

We are working to fill these positions quickly.

Immunization Program

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Holiday Shipping Schedule 2008

McKesson Specialty Distribution will not ship VFC vaccine orders during the following specified dates.

- November 22-28
- December 20-24
- January 1-3

Merck has established the following shipment schedule for direct frozen vaccine shipments. This schedule is for Merck ONLY.

- November 17 Final VFC frozen vaccine shipping date for regular shipments delivered by FRIDAY 11/28
- November 24 Next Day Air or Next Day Ground for delivery Tuesday 11/25 for emergency only
- November 25 Next Day or Next Day Ground for delivery Wed 11/26 for emergency only
- November 26 No Frozen Vaccines shipped
- **November 27 & 28 Closed**
- December 17 Final regular shipping day for VFC frozen vaccines for delivery by Friday 12/19/08
- December 22 Next day air or next day ground only for Tuesday delivery emergency only
- December 23 Only special requests for Next Day am delivery for Wednesday
- December 29 Only special requests next day air or next day ground for Tuesday delivery
- December 30 No overnights - UPS closed 12/31/08 and 1/1/09
- **December 31 Closed**
- **January 1 Closed**
- January 2 No vaccines shipping

ActHib Currently Not Available

The ISDH Immunization Program has shipped all of the available single-dose ActHIB (sanofi pasteur) allocation for the month of November. Additional doses of this vaccine will be available in early December.

There are a limited number of doses of Pentacel, sanofi pasteur's DTaP-IPV-Hib (ActHIB) containing vaccine still available for distribution in November. Providers wishing to receive Pentacel must submit an order requesting this vaccine. For additional information regarding the use of Pentacel, please refer to the August 8, 2008, Immunization E-Update.

Note: If you currently have a supply of TriHibit or Comvax, that you will not use before expiration, or can use TriHibit or Comvax in coming weeks, contact ISDH. We currently have a supply available that expires on 11/25/08.

How to Handle Different Lot Numbers for Components of DTaP-IPV-Hib

On October 3, 2008, a *Notice to Readers* was published in the MMWR that said: "Different lot numbers for the different components of DTaP-IPV-Hib are included on the DTaP-IPV vial and on the Hib powder vial. Providers should record lot numbers separately for the DTaP-IPV and Hib components."

Pentacel is supplied as a box containing 5 vials of liquid DTaP-IPV vaccine and 5 vials of lyophilized Hib vaccine. The vaccine component should be kept together in the original box until one vial of each component is removed, reconstituted, and administered. The combined vaccine must be used within 30 minutes of reconstitution.

Pentacel should always be used as a combination vaccine. The liquid DTaP-IPV vaccine should be used only to reconstitute the lyophilized Hib component, and the combined vaccine administered to an individual child. The component vaccines should not be used separately.

The lot numbers of the Pentacel components are linked so that the lot number of one component will identify the lot number of the other component. If Pentacel is used as supplied there is no need to record both numbers - the carton lot number or tear-off lot number label on the Hib vial (which are identical) is adequate and identifies all components.

This is the lot number that you should use to record in the CHIRP Inventory Management. If your facility provides data to CHIRP electronically through an import this is the lot number that should be sent. However, if the DTaP-IPV component is used to reconstitute a vial of ActHIB that is not supplied as Pentacel, both numbers should be recorded. Since this cannot be done in CHIRP Inventory Management or a CHIRP import, you should add both lot numbers to the comment field of the individual administered shot and note it in the medical file as well.

Upcoming Immunization Training

Thursday, December 4, 2008 • 8am-3pm

Immunization from A to Z Training • VFC Review • Chirp Q&A

LaPorte Medical Group, 900 I Street, LaPorte, Indiana

Contact: Jodi Morgan, Educator

Phone: 317-650-5051 E-Mail: jmorgan@isdh.in.gov

May attend all three sessions or only individual session(s).

Lunch will be provided.

Did You Know?

When receiving a shipment of Varivax vaccine from Merck, the Order Type on the Purchase Order (PO) will be listed as CD for CDC orders and MS for Private stock. Also, the PO Number will start with 408 or 409 on all CDC orders.

Print Material Availability

The following items are out of stock and unavailable for ordering through the Immunization Program. As soon as these items become available another notice will be posted in the E-Letter.

- Patient Eligibility Screen Record
- Vaccine Administration Record for Children & Teens
- Blank postcards for Reminder Recall
- VIS – HPV (Human Papillomavirus)
- VIS – IPV (Polio)
- VIS – MMR (Measles, Mumps and Rubella)
- VIS – Multi-Vaccine
- VIS – PCV7 (Pneumococcal Conjugate/Prevnar)
- VIS – Rotavirus
- VIS – Varicella/Chickenpox

Don't Let the Flu Trick You!

The Marion County Health Department and the Indiana Fever are again teaming to underscore the importance of vaccines for the entire family. They kicked off their new campaign to encourage vaccinations throughout the lifespan, not just for children. The campaign kicked off during National Immunization Awareness Week.



Influenza Vaccine Supply Availability As of Friday, November 7, 2008



Doses Shipped refers to doses that have been processed by McKesson and shipped to providers.

Doses Currently Available to Order refers to doses that are currently available at the McKesson warehouse. Once the vaccine has been received at McKesson, the Immunization program staff will send the orders to McKesson for processing.

Doses Purchases but Not Yet Available in Warehouse refers to vaccine that has been purchased by ISDH but has not been shipped by the manufacturer to the McKesson warehouse.

Reminder that flu shipments may come in multiple shipments and that the vaccine that currently is not yet available should arrive at McKesson sometime in November.

***Backorders** may reduce number of doses available to order.

CHIRP Informational Sessions

CHIRP Informational Sessions are designed for **NON-CHIRP** users interested in learning more about the benefits of using CHIRP in their facility or practice.

December 4, 2008
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Vanderburg County
Deaconess Hospital
Health Services Building (HSB) RM 104A
600 Edgar Street, Evansville, IN 47710

Call (888) 227-4439 or go to
CHIRP.IN.GOV to register.

CHIRP User Group Meeting

This session is designed for **CURRENT CHIRP** users who are interested in learning about upcoming changes or who have specific questions regarding CHIRP usage.

December 4, 2008
9:30 am - 11:30 am

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CHIRP Tip

To keep CHIRP up-to-date remember to enter all vaccinations given at your facility including those given using private vaccine stock and those given to adults.

CHIRP is a lifespan registry and includes vaccination for children and adults.